



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 490: Winston-Salem/Forsyth Bd. of Ed/Stagger Terms.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 5, 2019
Introduced by:	Reps. Lambeth, Conrad	Prepared by:	Erika Churchill Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H490-CSST-4		

OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 490 would stagger the terms of office of the nine members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education, effective with the 2022 elections.*

CURRENT LAW: The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education consists of nine members. Beginning with the 2010 elections, the nine members are all elected at the same time in partisan elections. The term of office is four years. Three of the members are elected at-large, two are elected from District 1 by the voters of that district, and four are elected from District 2 by the voters of that district.

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed committee substitute would stagger the terms of office for the nine members. The current members were all elected to four year terms in 2018, whose terms expire in 2022. The staggering would be implemented as follows:

- 2022, and every four years thereafter – elect five members to four-year terms from the following districts:
 - One from District 1
 - Two from District 2
 - Two at-large
- 2022, and every two years thereafter – elect four members to two-year terms from the following districts:
 - One from District 1
 - Two from District 2
 - One at-large

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law, applying to elections held in 2022 and thereafter.

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